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Ms. Linda K. Wertz  
Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid and CHIP  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
P.O. Box 13247  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am responding to your correspondence dated August 20, 2002 by approving a 90-day temporary extension of your Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0181.90.R1 for the Medically Dependent Children Program. This waiver provides services to medically fragile children who would otherwise require institutionalization in a nursing facility. The HCBSW No. 0181.90.R1 expires on August 31, 2002. This temporary extension is to ensure continued operation of the waiver pending submission of the waiver renewal request to our office. You have stated that additional time is needed to complete the required CMS 372s forms.

Because a decision regarding renewal of this waiver could not be made before it expires on August 31, 2002, I am granting the State of Texas an initial 90-day temporary extension of HCBSW No. 0181.90.R1. This program is approved under authority of 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act. The extension allows you to continue waiver services from September 1, 2002 through November 29, 2002 with Federal financial participation at the per capita cost utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program.

If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley of my staff at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.  
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations

